

## Message Text

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E.O.11652: N/A  
TAGS: UNESCO, AORG, SEDU  
SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF JAMES CHANDLER AS DIRECTOR,  
INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF EDUCATION (IBE)

REF: STATE 106584

1. US PERMDEL APPRECIATED REFTTEL.
2. US PERMDEL WISHES TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO  
DR. ROBERT LEESTMA, ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER FOR INSTI-  
TUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION,  
DR. THOMAS COTNER, CHIEF OF INTERNATIONAL SERVICES  
AND RESEARCH BRANCH, AND MR. WILLIAM MIMS, US MISSION  
TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, GENEVA, FOR OUTSTANDING  
WORK AS US DELEGATES TO IBE GOVERNING COUNCIL  
MEETING JANUARY 1977 WHERE THEY WERE ABLE TO PLACE  
CHANDLER ON COUNCIL'S "SHORT LIST" OF RECOMMENDED  
CANDIDATES (OUT OF 34 APPLICANTS) FOR  
SUBJECT POST TO UNESCO DG.  
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3. CHANDLER'S APPOINTMENT TO SUBJECT POST IS FIRST  
APPOINTMENT OF AN AMERICAN FROM OUTSIDE THE ORGANI-  
ZATION TO HIGH LEVEL UNESCO POST IN MORE THAN TWO  
YEARS. BECAUSE IBE IS MOST HIGHLY RESPECTED INTER-  
NATIONAL AGENCY IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION, CHANDLER'S  
APPOINTMENT IS PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT. HIS

APPOINTMENT SHOULD ASSURE CONTINUED STRONG US PRESENCE AND INFLUENCE IN INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION.

4. MUCH CREDIT FOR CHANDLER'S NOMINATION WHICH PAVED THE WAY FOR HIS APPOINTMENT, MUST GO TO LEESTMA, LEADER OF THE U.S. DELEGATION, WHOSE PRESTIGE WITH AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP WAS INSTRUMENTAL AND FINALLY PREVAILED IN PLACING HIM ON SHORT LIST OF 5 OUT OF 34 OUTSTANDING CANDIDATES FROM EVERY REGION OF THE WORLD. IN VIEW OF THE VERY HIGH LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION AND THEREFORE COMPETITION AMONG ALL CANDIDATES, THE THIRD WORLD DOMINATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP, AND THE COUNCIL'S AWARENESS OF US WITHHOLDING ITS 1975-76 ASSESSMENT TO UNESCO, THE ABOVE ACCOMPLISHMENT IS VERY SIGNIFICANT. HOPEFULLY, THIS BREAKTHROUGH WILL LEAD TO AN INCREASE IN THE APPOINTMENTS OF AMERICANS TO OTHER HIGH LEVEL UNESCO POSTS.  
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